

## **A NOTE FROM THE 22ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FROM THE HOLOCAUST TO LIVING HOPE HELD 22-25 AUGUST 2019 IN OŚWIĘCIM**

From 22 to 25 August in Oświęcim was held the 22nd international conference "From the Holocaust to Living Hope". Apart from Poles, we hosted participants from many countries: Israel, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, the United States, Romania, England, Moldova, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Ukraine.

As a Church of various nationalities, in the atmosphere of the Holy Spirit, we could experience fellowship with God, who through His Word revealed to us His goals regarding Israel and the Church in the Kingdom of God.

During this conference, we celebrated a special anniversary, the 20th anniversary of our ministry in Ukraine, which started with supporting the cafeteria in Shepetivka. Thanks to God's grace, prayers and financial support from many believers in our country and abroad over the past 20 years, there has never been a shortage of daily warm meals, parcels and medicines for the needy descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in Ukraine. Together with our dear guests from Ukraine and all conference participants, we thanked the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness over the past years of this ministry.

The time of the conference was also special because of the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II, which brought with it a great deal of suffering to Poles, Jews and other nations. A disgraceful sign of this war was the former German Nazi concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau and other similar places scattered throughout our country and Europe.

In the face of such unimaginable suffering and destruction, our meeting at the first place in the selection process - Judenrampe - had a special dimension and significance. When we gather there as a Church from different nations, we participate in the healing process of this place and Europe.

We are grateful to God for the fact that through all the lecturers the Holy Spirit revealed to us themes related to Israel, the Holocaust and the suffering of the Polish nation, which was the first to receive the full hatred of Hitler's Germany, Slovakia and the Soviet Union in their attacks.

During the conference, there was a special concert performed by Israeli pianist and composer Alyosha Ryabinov, who in a unique way commemorated the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II and the suffering of Poles and Jews in their common homeland.

The time spent at the conference left unforgettable experiences in our hearts. An event such as this is of great importance for the transformation of this place from a curse into a blessing, from death into life, from the Holocaust into a living hope, which we proclaim through faith in the resurrection in the Messiah of Israel - Yeshua.

We cordially invite you to take part in next year's 23rd international conference, which will take place on 20-23 August 2020 in Oświęcim.

We ask you now, if you can, to reserve the time to attend next year's conference, as this is the only opportunity to meet once a year as Brothers and Sisters who are involved in this ministry together.

If you are interested in buying MP3 CDs with lectures from this year's conference and DVDs with recordings of individual lectures, please contact us.

***Shalom from Oświęcim***